

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JAYMIA DAVIS, PAMELA THOMAS, BRANDON  
THOMPSON, COREY POINDEXTER,

**ANSWER**

Plaintiffs,

08 CV 1988 (HB)

-against-

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, N.Y.C POLICE OFFICERS  
JANE/JOHN DOE #'s 1-15,

Defendants.  
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Defendant City of New York, by its attorney, Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, for its answer to the complaint, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "1" of the complaint.
2. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "2" of the complaint, except admits that plaintiffs purport to invoke the Court's jurisdiction as stated therein.
3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "3" of the complaint.
4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "4" of the complaint.
5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "5" of the complaint.
6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "6" of the complaint.

7. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “7” of the complaint, except admits that the City of New York is a municipal corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, that it maintains a police department, and respectfully refers the Court to the New York City Charter and Administrative Code for a full description of the City’s functions and duties.

8. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “8” of the complaint.

9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “9” of the complaint.

10. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “10” of the complaint.

11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “11” of the complaint.

12. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “12” of the complaint.

13. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “13” of the complaint.

14. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “14” of the complaint.

15. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “15” of the complaint.

16. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “16” of the complaint.

17. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “17” of the complaint.

18. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “18” of the complaint, except admits that documents purporting to be Notices of Claim were received by the New York City Comptroller’s Office on or about September 4, 2007.

19. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “19” of the complaint, except admits that documents purporting to be Notices of Claim were received by the New York City Comptroller’s Office on or about September 4, 2007, and that the purported claims have not yet been settled.

20. In response to paragraph “20” of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their response to the allegations set forth in paragraphs “1” through “19” as though fully set forth herein.

21. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “21” of the complaint.

22. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “22” of the complaint.

23. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “23” of the complaint.

24. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “24” of the complaint.

25. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “25” of the complaint.

26. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “26” of the complaint.

27. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “27” of the complaint.

28. In response to paragraph “28” of the complaint, defendant repeats and re-alleges its response to the allegations set forth in paragraphs “1” through “27” as though fully set forth herein.

29. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “29” of the complaint.

30. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “30” of the complaint.

31. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “31” of the complaint.

32. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “32” of the complaint.

33. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “33” of the complaint.

34. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “34” of the complaint.

35. In response to paragraph “35” of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their response to the allegations set forth in paragraphs “1” through “34” as though fully set forth herein.

36. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “36” of the complaint.

37. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “37” of the complaint.

38. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “38” of the complaint.

39. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “39” of the complaint.

40. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “40” of the complaint.

41. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “41” of the complaint.

42. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “42” of the complaint.

43. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “43” of the complaint.

44. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “44” of the complaint.

45. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “45” of the complaint.

46. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “46” of the complaint.

47. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “47” of the complaint.

48. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “48” of the complaint.

49. In response to paragraph “49” of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their response to the allegations set forth in paragraphs “1” through “48” as though fully set forth herein.

50. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “50” of the complaint.

51. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “51” of the complaint.

52. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “52” of the complaint.

53. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “53” of the complaint.

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56. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “56” of the complaint.

57. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “57” of the complaint.

58. In response to paragraph “58” of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their response to the allegations set forth in paragraphs “1” through “57” as though fully set forth herein.

59. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “59” of the complaint.

60. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “60” of the complaint.

61. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “61” of the complaint.

62. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “62” of the complaint.

63. In response to paragraph “63” of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their response to the allegations set forth in paragraphs “1” through “62” as though fully set forth herein.

64. Defendant states that the allegations set forth in paragraph "64" of the complaint are conclusions of law, not averments of fact, and accordingly, no response is required.

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66. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "66" of the complaint.

67. Defendant states that the allegations set forth in paragraph "67" are conclusions of law, rather than averments of fact. Accordingly, no response is required.

68. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "68" of the complaint.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

69. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

70. Defendant has not violated any rights, privileges or immunities under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

71. At all times relevant to the acts alleged in the complaint, defendant City of New York, its agents and officials, acted reasonably in the proper and lawful exercise of their discretion. Therefore the City of New York is entitled to governmental immunity.

**AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

72. Any injury alleged to have been sustained resulted from plaintiffs' own

culpable or negligent conduct and/or by the intervening conduct of third parties, and was not the proximate result of any act of defendant.

**AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

73. Plaintiffs provoked any incident.

**AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

74. Plaintiffs may have failed to comply with the conditions precedent to suit.

**AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

75. Plaintiffs' claims may be barred in whole or in part by the applicable statute of limitations.

**AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

76. Plaintiffs may not recover punitive damages from defendant City of New York.

**AS AND FOR A NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

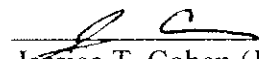
77. There was probable cause for plaintiff Poindexter's arrest and detention.

**WHEREFORE**, defendant City of New York requests judgment dismissing the complaint in its entirety, together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
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*Due and timely service is hereby admitted.*

*New York, N.Y. ...., 2008*

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